

# Bilayer Resist Solutions for Sub 100nm Device Production

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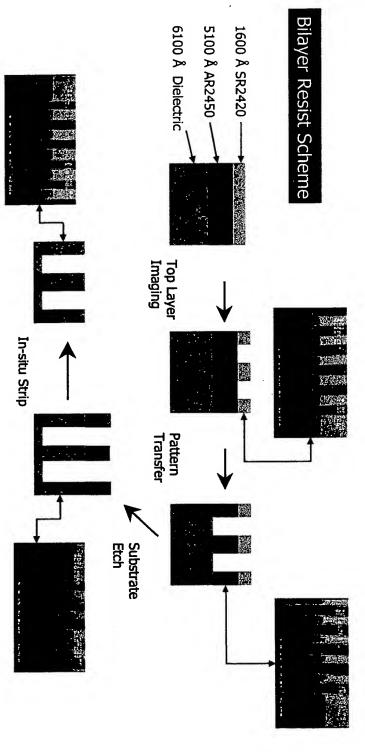
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- Ultra thin imaging has potential for
- Improved resolution
- Process window
- ➤ Reduced Pattern Collapse

- UTR will need an alternate etch scheme
- ➤ Hardmask
- ➤ Bilayer
- > Trilayer



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## Why Use a Si Bilayer Resist Approach?

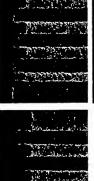


- **ULTRA THIN RESIST**
- Improved Resolution
- Larger Process Window
- Reduced Pattern Collapse
- KrF and ArF Options





Post Underlayer Etch ASML/700 0.70 NA OAI, PSM 110 nm 1:1







- Superior Etch Resistance
- Similar Etch Processes for KrF and ArF

Reflection Control

Planarization

ASML/300 0.63 NA, 6% PSM 130 nm 1:1 Features:

- **DUAL DAMASCENE LITHOGRAPHY**
- Planarization and Reflection Control Thick Underlayer for Optimum
- Barrier to Resist Poisoning
- Via Fill
- Planarization over complex

topographies



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Underlayer Dielectric

SiN Etch Stop

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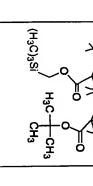
# Bilayer Resists - Silicon Polymer Approaches



### Pendent Silicon

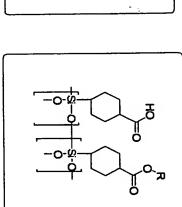
➤ Siloxane

- Cornell
- ARCH IBM



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### Silsesquioxane



- ASET
   Shin-Etsu

### HitachiIBM

(H<sub>3</sub>C)<sub>3</sub>SiO<sup>-</sup>

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H<sub>3</sub>C-

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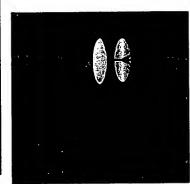
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### Silicon Outgassing



a major issue for the adoption of bilayer technology across all Contamination of the optics with silicon has been identified as wavelengths

important > The method of incorporating silicon into the imaging layer is



Hien et al, SPIE 2001, Proof Plate Analysis @ 157 nm

		Resist	Resist	Proof-plate	Proof-plate
	Type	[weight%]	weight%]	atom%	atom%
		Si-content	F-content	Si-content	F-content
	PFA, CF <sub>3</sub> side chain		30		4
	PFASO <sub>2</sub> , CF3 side				
	chain		26		7
	Fluoropolymer		43		4
	Fluoropolymer		36		2
	Si main chain	16	20	0.4	10
	Si main chain	12		0.6	
ļ	Polydimethylsiloxane	38		<0.2	
	CH <sub>2</sub> SiMe <sub>3</sub> side chain	12		3	
Ţ	CH <sub>2</sub> SiMe <sub>3</sub> side chain	8		6	

Table 3: XPS outgassing data for different polymers (OFI-ROM test)

Stefan Hien, Steve Angood, Domininc Ashworth, Steve Basset, Theodore Bloomstein, Kim Dean, Roderick R. Kunz, Daniel Miller, Shashikant Patel and Georgia Rich, Proceedings of SPIE Vol. 4345, 439, 2001.

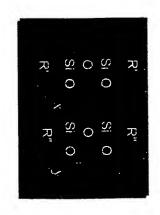




### Silsesquioxane Advantages

Silsesquioxane (SSQ)

- Silicon Integrated with Backbone Structure
- No Pendant Si Groups
- Very Stable Polymer
- High Silicon Content for Improved Etch
- No Outgassing of Si Species
- Only Carbon Species Observed



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## SSQ Resist Outgassing Study

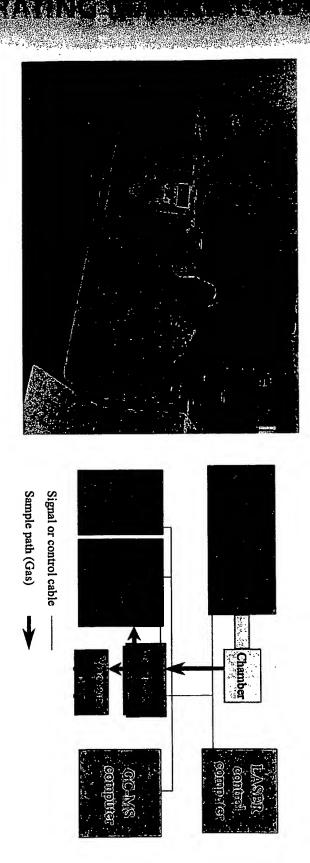
C4H8 -99:9%
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No Silicon Species





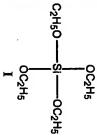
when exposing a material to laser radiation. Outgassing system developed to measure the amount of volatile compounds released





# Model Silicon Compounds for Outgassing Calibration





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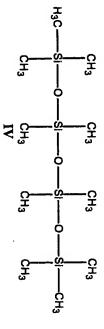
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CE3

Tetraethylorthosilicate

Hexamethldisiloxane

Octamethyltrisiloxane



Decamethyltetrasiloxane

(H<sub>3</sub>C)<sub>3</sub>SiO-OSI(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> —osi(сн<sub>з)з</sub>

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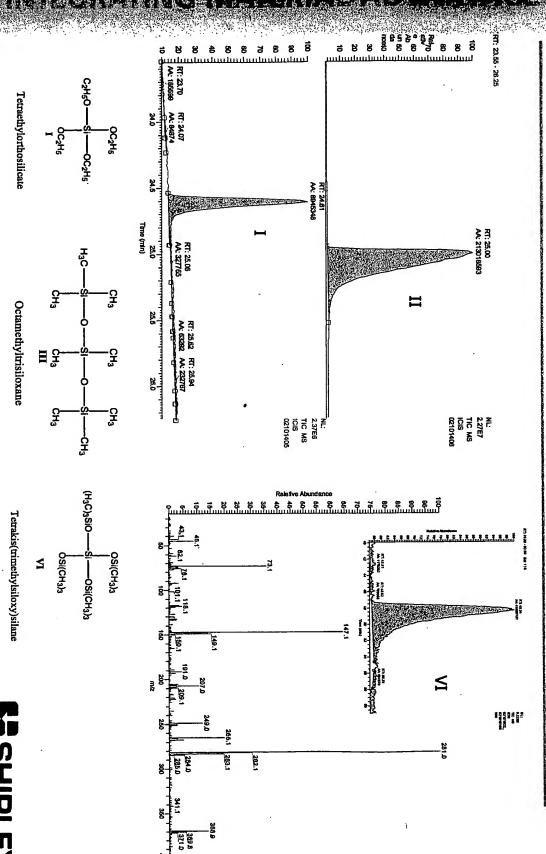
Tetrakis(trimethylsiloxy)silane

Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane

Increasing Size





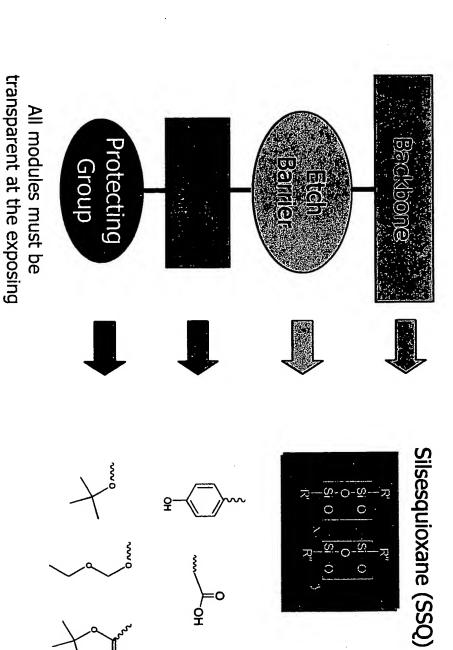




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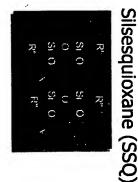




# Resist Layer: 248 Bilayer Outgassing Results



- Silsesquioxane Polymer Approach Advantages
- ➤ Silicon Integrated with Backbone Structure
- ➤ No Pendant Si Groups
- Very Stable Polymer



- No Outgassing of Si Species
- Only Carbon Species From Protecting Group Observed

Results for Outgassing Studies of XP2762A Bilayer Imaging Resist

0.007%	>99.9%	7.E+12	200		
	>99.9%	5.E+12	42	Dry N2	XP2762A
		mol/cm <sup>2</sup> -sec	mJ/cm²		
C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Compound	Isobutene	Rate	Dose	Ambient	Resist

Method: Flood exposure of 10 cm<sup>2</sup> area on coated wafer; GC-MS Analysis of concentrated headspace Note: Typical Outgassing Rate of Volatile Organics from DUV Resists is 1011 to 1012 molecules/cm2-sec



# 193nm Bilayer Outgassing Results: XP1646 vs UV6



## Silsesquioxane Polymer Approach - Advantages

- Silicon Integrated with Backbone StructureNo Pendant Si Groups
- High Si Content
- No Outgassing of Si Species
- Only Carbon Species From Protecting Group and PAG Observed

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	Exposed area (cm2):	19.8	19.8 Datafile	
			XP1646	
			Bilayer 0.46	UV-6 0.46
			ő	mJ/cm2/pulse
193 nm Molecules/cm2 Chami	Chamber Volume (ml):	2000		9 mJ/cm2
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Ret Time Compound		lons	430	430
	Photoresist	29,43	4.96E+10	3.03E+11
•	Photoresist	TIC	2.01E+14	3.31E+13
	Photoresist	43,58	6.63E+10	7.28E+11
19.62 Aromatic PAG		91		7.54E+10
9	Photoresist	39,41,43	3.49E+11	5.64E+11
ນ່, 2-methyl-	Photoresist	29-72	1.58E+12	1.90E+12
14.94 Aromatic Photo	Photoresist	TIC	1.01E+14	
15.12 Aromatic PAG		96,70,50,39	4.00E+12	
Total o	outenesting rate (m	Total outgassing rate (mol/cm2/sec)	5.13E+11	6.10E+10
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Underlayer

Dielectric

SiN Etch Stop

**Reflectance vs Thickness** 

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4500 5000 AR2450 Thickness (A)

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### Oxide Etch Rate Shipley Bilayer Resist Chemistry: Underlayer Components and Performance Attributes % Relative to UV6 Jnderlayer Components: Etch Resistant Polymer Crosslinker Absorbing Polymeric Dye Thermal Acid Generator **Post Underlayer Etch** .00 110nm 1:1 LS 0.88Coat 즁 Layer



Underlayer Performance Attributes:

**Pattern Transfer Fidelity** 

Etch Resistance

Reflection Control

Planarization - Via Fill

Top Layer Imaging

Pattern Transfer

### Shipley Bilayer Resist Chemistry: Underlayer Via Fill Study



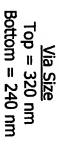


Top = 140 nmVia Size

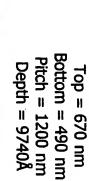
Initial Coat Thickness = 5400Å

Depth =  $7800^{8}$ Pitch = 360 nmBottom = 0 nm

Bottom = 100 nm  $\frac{\text{Via Size}}{\text{Top} = 170 \text{ nm}}$ Pitch = 340 nm Depth = 9060Å



Via Size



Pitch = 1840 nm Depth = 9600Å



Final FT = 3960Å



Final FT = 3340Å



Final FT = 5000Å



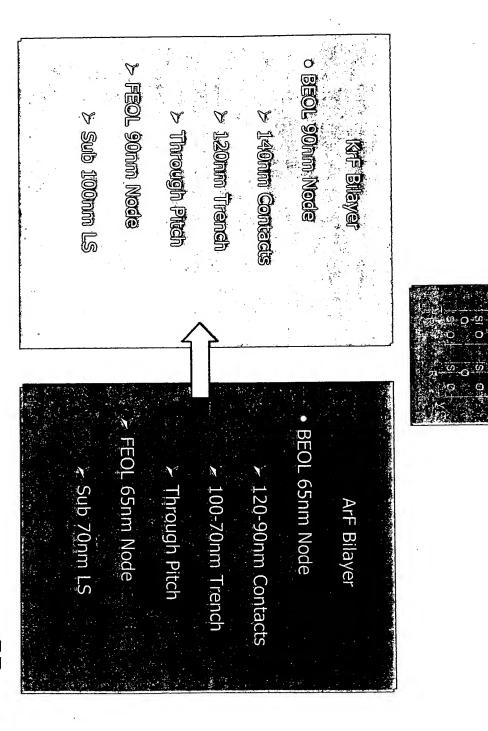
Final FT = 3100-3500Å

- Data is promising for via-fill capability at sub 130nm geometries
- No void issues for pitch values of 340nm to 1840nm
- No void issues for feature sizes of 140nm to 670nm

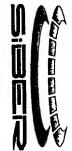


# Bilayer Resists for the 90nm and 65nm Nodes









Krf Bilayer Resists for the 90nm Node

Lithographic Performance





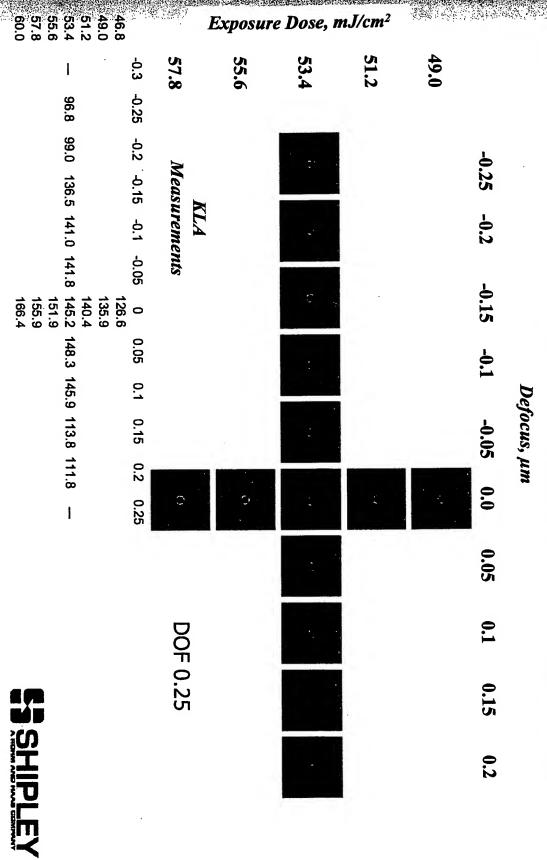
KrF Bilayer: XP-0681A using 6% attenuated PSM, 0.80NA, 0.75s Conventional 140nm/280nm +30nm Bias



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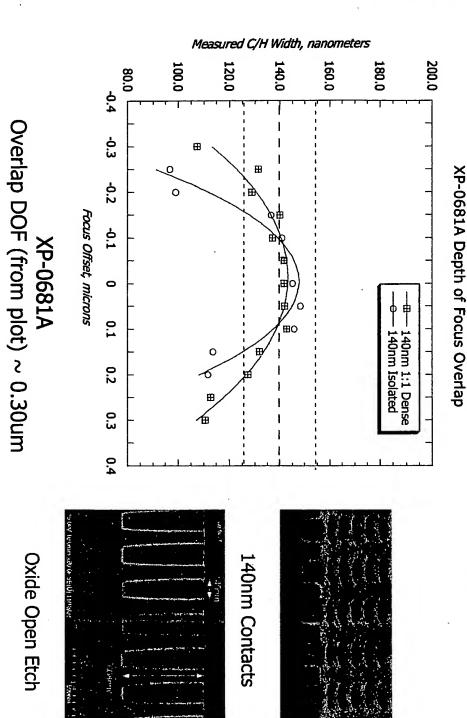
KrF Bilayer: XP-0681A using 6% attenuated PSM, 0.80NA, 0.75s Conventional, 140nm/880nm +35nm Bias





KrF Bilayer: XP-0681A using 6% attenuated PSM, 0.80NA, 0.75s Conventional, DOF Overlap 140nm Contact





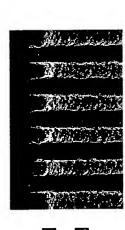




KrF Bilayer: 1400Å, SR2400 / 5100Å, AR2450 0.8NA, Annular 0.55i/0.85o, Binary, 110nm 1:1 Trench

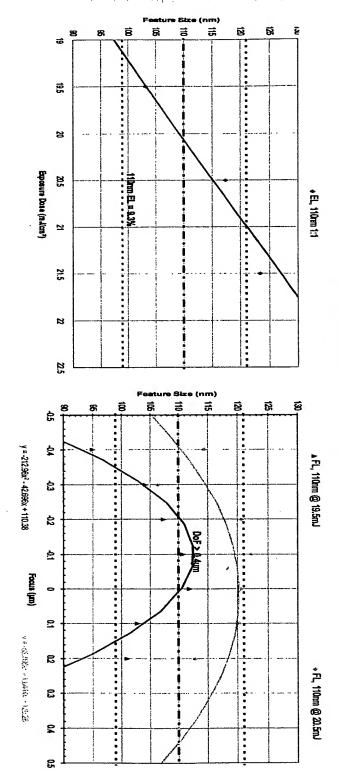


110nm 1:1 Trench



Exposure Latitude = 9.3%

DOF > 0.40um







Exposure: ASML /700

110nm 1:1 L/S

Bottom Layer: 5100 Å Top Layer: 1500 Å

Post Underlayer Etch

Exposure: **ASML /800** 

85nm 1:1 L/S

Customer: "Best etch of any bilayer system evaluated" Top to Bottom Etch Selectivity 12:1





ArF Bilayer Resists for the 65nm Node

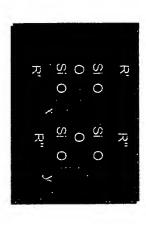
Design and Lithographic Performance



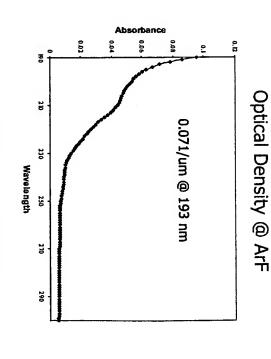
## ArF Bilayer Photoresists – SR™19xx

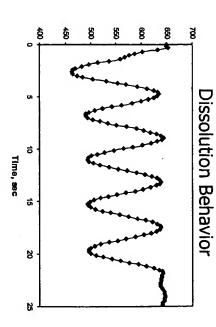


### Silsesquioxane (SSQ)



- Use SSQ backbone chemistry
- Incorporation of high Si content
- ➤ No Outgassing of Si species
- Pendent R Groups
- Transparent at 193 nm
- Dissolution Enhancing
- Contrast Enhancing







# ArF Bilayer Photoresists - Dissolution Contrast



- Dissolution Contrast: Ultra Thin ArF Bilayer Resist (1000 Å)
- Controlled by polymer

design

> Example: high contrast ArF bilayer resist for contact applications

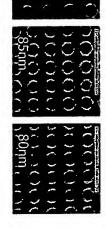
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**Super Dense Contacts** 

1000



120@200

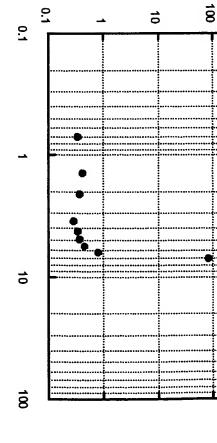
130@240

115@200

1:1 Contacts

10nm! (

Dissolution Rate, A/s



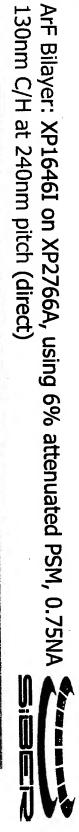
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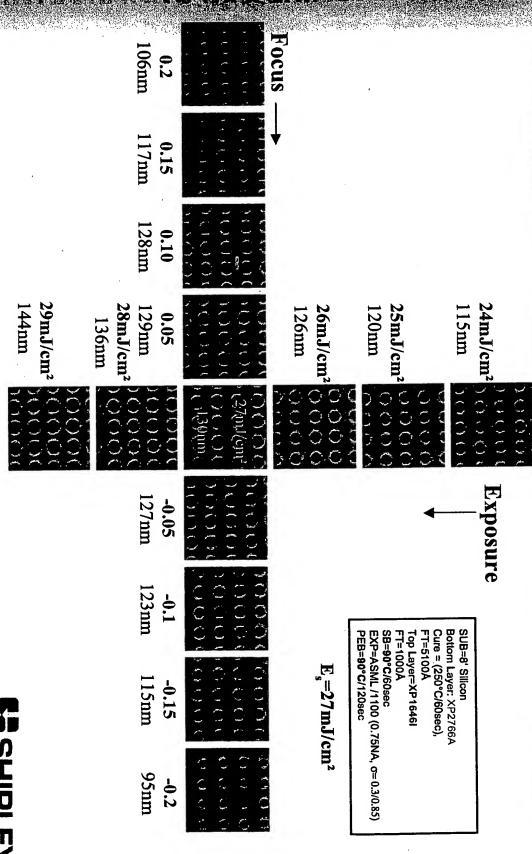
110nm



Exposure Dose, mJ/cm²

130nm C/H at 240nm pitch (direct)

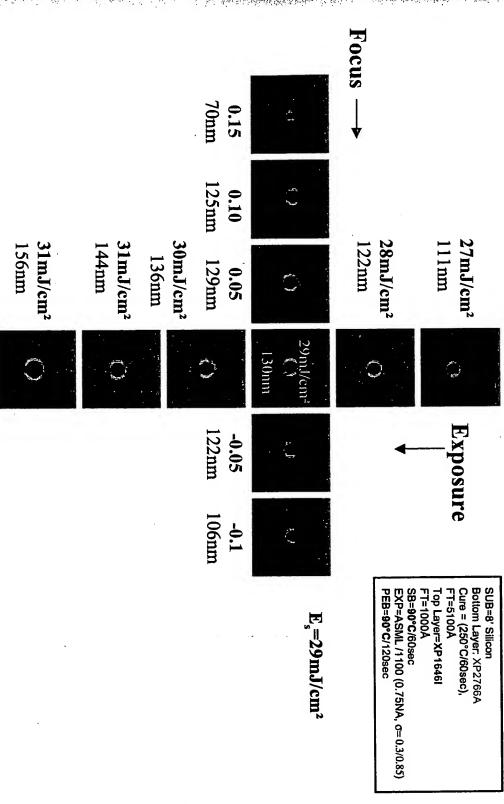






Isolated 130nm C/H (10nm bias)

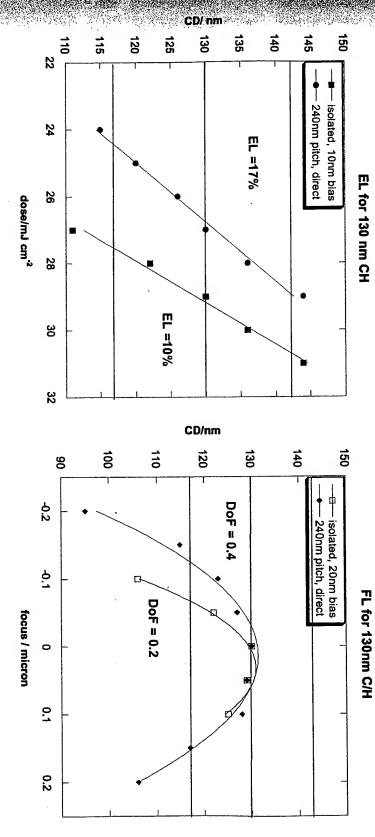






130nm C/H Super Dense and Isolated

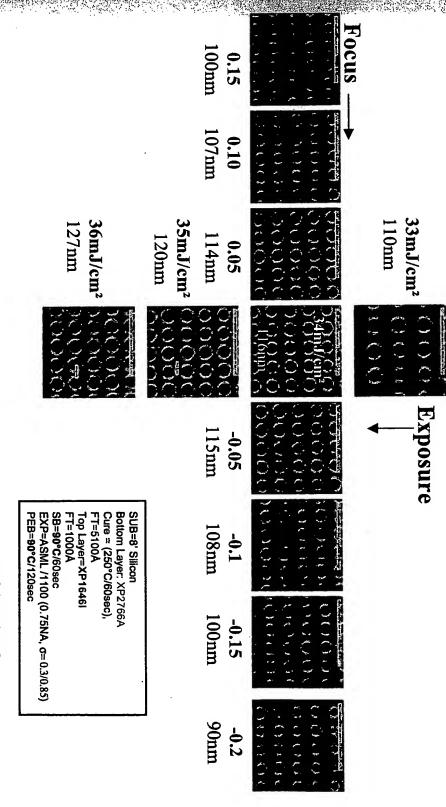






ArF Bilayer: XP1646I on XP2766A, using 6% attenuated PSM, 0.75NA Super Dense Contacts - 115nm C/H at 200nm pitch (direct)





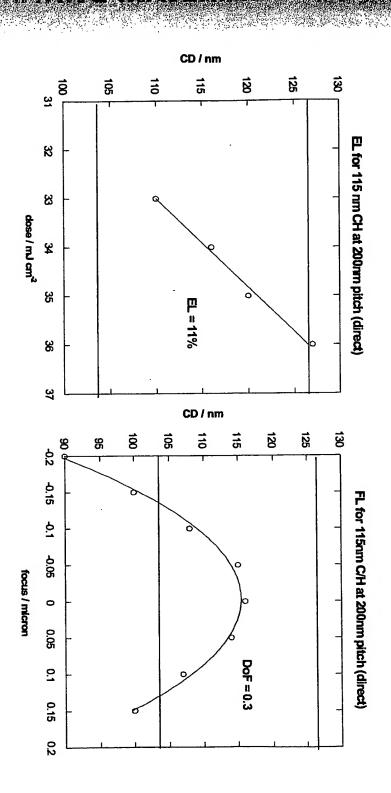
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Super Dense Contacts - 115nm C/H at 200nm pitch (direct) ArF Bilayer: XP1646I on XP2766A, using 6% attenuated PSM, 0.75NA



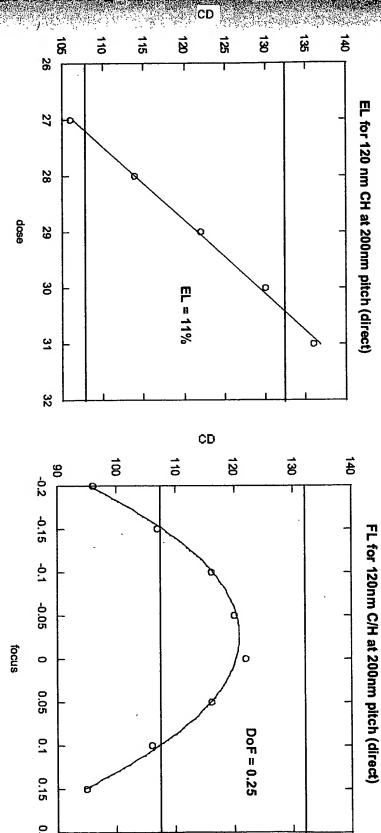




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	- <b>0.05</b> 120nm			Exposure
	<b>-0.1</b> 116nm		PES P	
	-0.15 107nm		EXP=ASML /1100 (0.75NA, 0=0.3/0.85) PEB=90°C/120sec  E <sub>s</sub> =29mJ/cm <sup>2</sup>	SUB=8' Silicon Bottom Layer: XP2766A Cure = (250°C/60sec), FT=5100A Top Layer=XP1646I FT=1000A SB=90°C/60sec
SHIPLE	-0.2 96nm		n²	





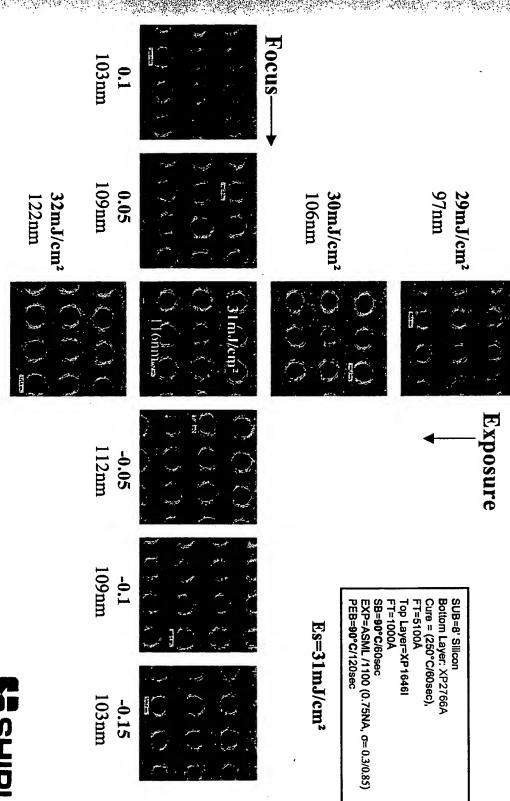




110nm C/H at 220nm pitch (10nm bias)

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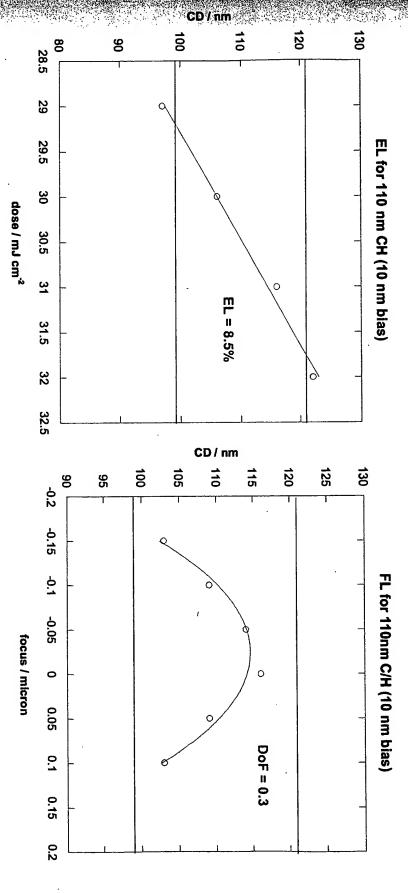






ArF Bilayer: XP1646I on XP2766A, using 6% attenuated PSM, 0.75NA 110nm C/H at 220nm pitch (10nm bias)



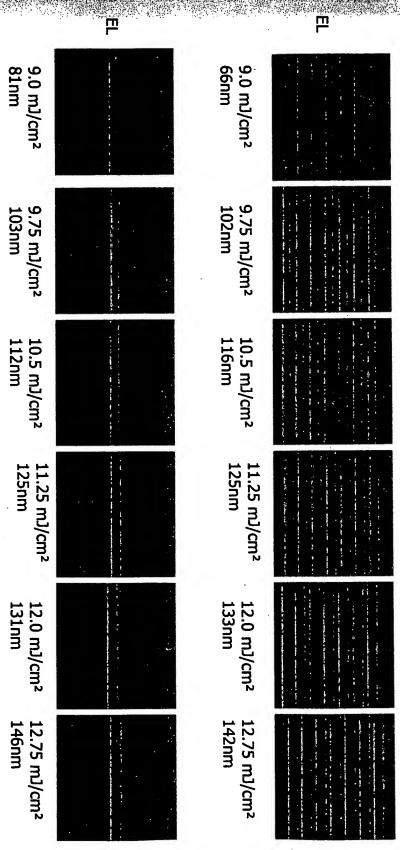




ArF Bilayer: XP1646I on XP2766A (90°C / 90°C SB/PEB) 120nm at 240 Pitch and Isolated Trench (ASML /1100 Binary)



120nm dense trench on the mask

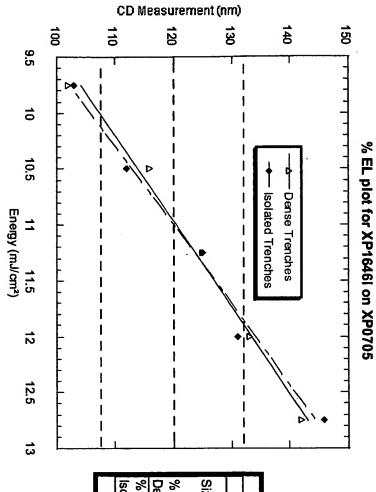


120nm Isolated: 140nm on the Mask/20nm bias



ArF Bilayer: XP1646I on XP2766A (90°C / 90°C SB/PEB) 120nm at 240 Pitch and 120nm (20nm bias) Isolated Trench



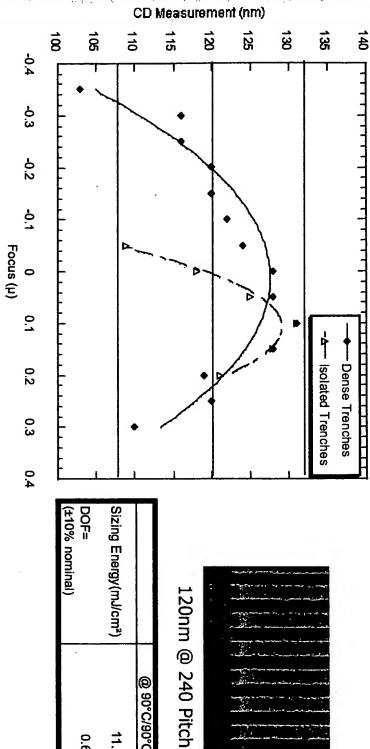


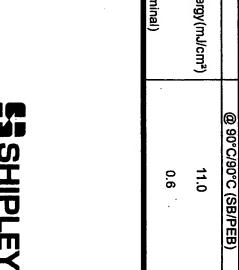
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ArF Bilayer: XP1646I on XP2766A (ASML/1100 Binary) 120nm at 240 Pitch



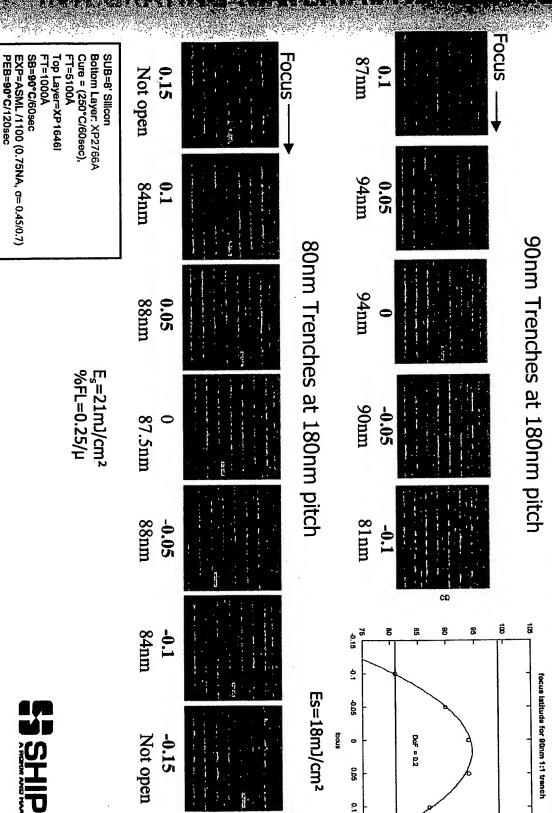






Sub 100nm Trenches (ASML /1100 Binary) ArF Bilayer: XP1646I on XP2766A

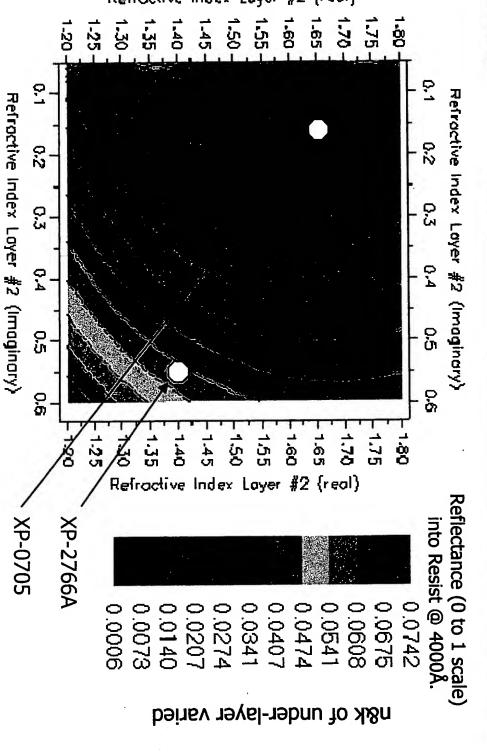




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Reflectance into Resist (%)

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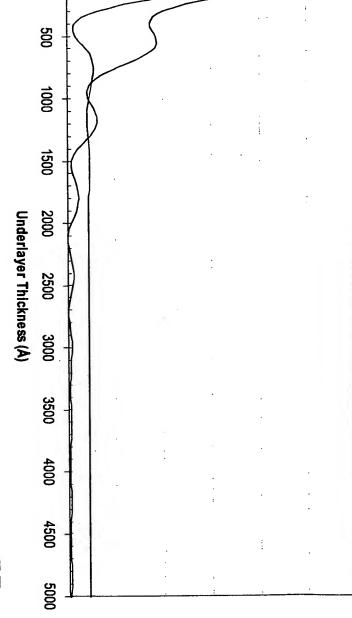
ArF Bi-layer: Underlayer Optimization XP-1646 / 4000Å Underlayer / Si

Simulation for XP-1646 / Underlayer/ Si 193nm, 0.75NA, Annular 0.4i / 0.8o

\_\_\_ n=1.66, k=0.16 XP-0705

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— n=1.4,k=0.55 (XP-2766A)





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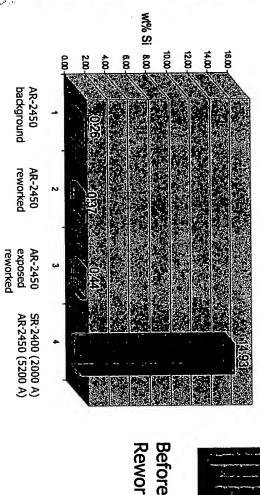


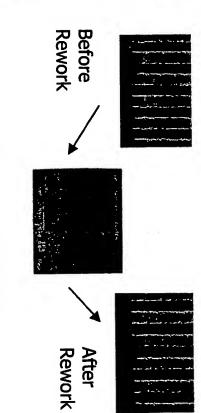
### **Rework Process:**

- KrF and ArF Top Layer Rework
- Soluble in Standard Resist Solvent
- Soluble in Standard EBR Solvents

### Top Layer Rework SR2400

### **ESCA Si Surface Analysis**





Reworked AR™2450





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- Statte of the Art Krf SSQ Bilayer Platform

  > Highest Si Content of Any Commercial Bilayer System

  > Excellent etch resistance & Thin film imaging capability
- $\gg$  No Outgassing of Si species (Si in the polymer backbone)
- Already Demonstrated Production Worthy by other IC manufacturers
- Demonstrated Control of LER, Iso-Dense Bias etc
- Commercial Products Available for BEOL and FEOL Applications
- Shipley Krf Bilayer Resist technology is capable of resolving 100nm features: L/S and Trenches
- Patitern Fidelity is retained through etch patitern transfer step —
   Allowing for high aspect ratio features at 1.00mm's and below





Performance Summary: Sub 100nm Lithography Demonstrated

L/S 90 nm 1:1 (0.75 NA, ASML/1100)

Trench 90 nm 1:1 (0.75 NA, ASML/1100)

C/H 95 nm 1:1 (0.75 NA, ASML/1100)

C/H Super Dense 120/200 (0.75 NA, ASML/11

Platform:

Tunable dissolution behavior

High Si Content > 10%

No Outgassing of Si

ArF Bilayer Resists

UTR Silicon Resist Developed – 1000A

Bright-field and Dark-field being developed

Bottom Layer Developed, XP0705 and XP2766A

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